Company Affairs on 6.7.92 in the context of tde provisions of Section 67(3) of the Companies Act, 1956, companies promoters and intermediaries have been advised that the so called 'private' placement by companies of shares by utilising the services of brokers and other intermediaries, inserting advertisements in the print media, mass mailng literature, floating rights of renunciation in the market by companies themselves and charging unofficial premia from the investing public are serious contraventions of tde Companies Act and will invite penal action.

(c) and (d) Allegations against certain companies for violating the provisions relating to private placement of shares have come to the notice of the Government and after examining the cases, action as warranted under the law shall be taken.

Vacant posts of lodges in High Courts

1826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of judges in each of the High Courts of Jaipur and and Bhubaneshwar as on 30.6.1992;

(b) wdat is the number of Judges in each of the two High Courts at present; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up and the dates from which these vacancies have arisen?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKAR REDDY); (a) to (c) The position as on 30.6.92, in respect of Rajasthan and Orissa High Courts was as follows:—•

High Court	Sanction-ed strength	Judges in position vacant.	Vacancies and dates from which lying	
Rajasthan	25	25	2	5.1.92 15.6.92
Orissa	14	13	1	22.6.92

The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies in these High Courts, in on. It is not possible to indicate when these vacancies will be filled up.

Legal Aid Programme in Andhra Pradesh

1827. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited in Andhra Pradesh so far through court oriented legal aid programme;

(b) what is the break-up of such persons belonging to SC|ST, BC women and children;

(c) wlwt are the norms laid down by CHAS to get free legal aid;

(d) whether there is any proposal to enhance the income limit for this;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) On the basis of the information available, as on 1st June, 1992, 15,796 persons have been benefited in Andhra Pradesh through court oriented Legal Aid Programme.